

REMARKS

Applicant understands that claims 1-14 are pending in that application, and that the Office previously held claims 1-14 as rejected. Applicant's representative and the Office's Examiner held a telephonic interview on 5 August 2004. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his insightful comments and suggestions regarding the Office's issues in the case.

Amended Claim 1

Applicant herein amends claim 1 as discussed with the Examiner in the telephonic interview of 5 August 2004. Support for the amendment of claim 1 is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. The amendment of claim 1 adds no new matter to the application. Specifically, support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found as follows:

- *the switch assembly consisting of two switches*

See: page 7, lines 27-28; page 8, lines 5-7 & 10-15; page 13, lines 13-14, page 14, lines 24-26, and original claims 3 & 7.

- *a processor circuit*

See: page 6, line 27, page 7, lines 1-3, page 9, lines 15-19, page 15, line 8-20, page 16, lines 23-24, and original claim 5.

New Claim 15

Support for new claim 15 may be found as follows:

- *a mode key*

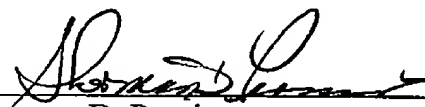
see: page 5, lines 19-21, page 12, lines 23-24, page 12, & lines 25-26, page 15, line 23, and page 16, lines 11-12.

Applicant believes that the amendment of original independent claim 1 as set forth herein renders the prior rejection of claim 1 as anticipated under 35 USC §102(e) by Lin *et al.*, US Patent No. 5,528,235 and by Krishnan, US Patent No. 6,377,685 now moot in view of the clarification of independent claim 1 as amended herein. Additionally, because original independent claim 1 was not held as rejected under §103, the prior rejections under §103 are also now moot.

Applicant believe that this amendment fully satisfies the "submission" requirement of a Request for Continued Examination application as set forth in the Rules. Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the case in view of the instant claims, and submits that in consideration of the above amendments and remarks the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned to timely resolve any minor issues that may remain in the application in order to facilitate timely prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

5 August 2004
Date


Sherman D. Pernia
Registration No. 34,404
281-996-0449